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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated June 25, 2004, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-4) drawn to Ma family polypeptides and fusion proteins comprising Ma family polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350 are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect Ma2 (SEQ ID NO:7) as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-4.

Respectfully submitted,

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